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I WASN'T ALWAYS SO AFRAID.
KRAKA-BOOM!
ONLY SINCE THAT ONE NIGHT.
ARE WE SCARED OF A LITTLE THUNDER, MARCUS?
NOPE. IT'S JUST RAPIDLY EXPANDING AIR AROUND THE PATH OF A LIGHTNING BOLT, MOM.
=YAWN=
THAT'S RIGHT! GOOD NIGHT, MY BRAVE, SMART BOY!
LATER, SOMETHING THAT WASN'T THUNDER WOKE ME UP.
THUD.
M-MOM? DAD? THE RAPIDLY EXPANDING AIR SOUNDS LIKE IT'S ST-STOMPING AROUND OUR ROOF!
I REMEMBER THE TRAIL OF PUDDLES IN THE HALLWAY.
AND HOW COLD THE WATER FELT BENEATH MY BARE FEET.

AND HIM.
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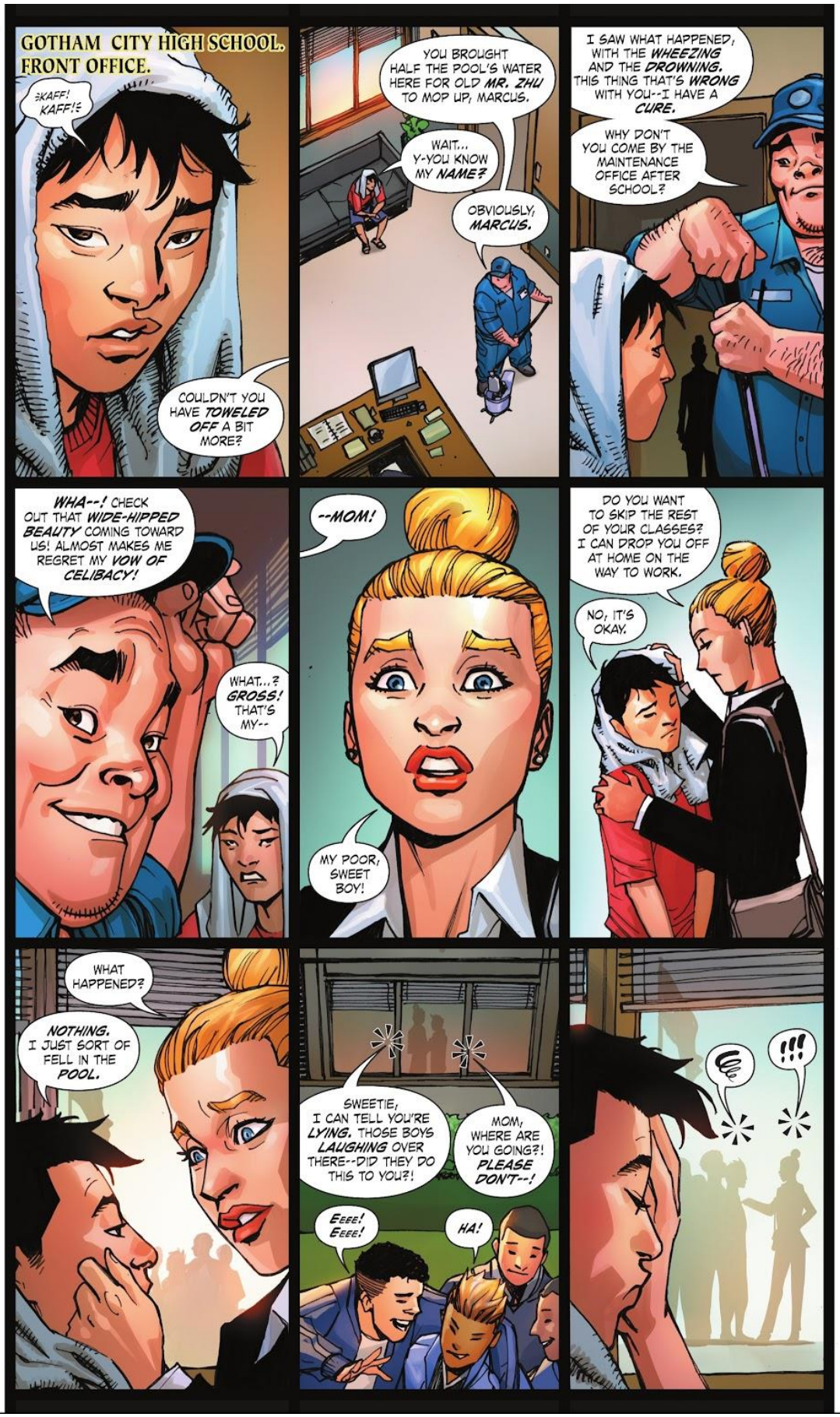
MOM...?
D-DAD...?
G-GO BACK TO YOUR ROOM, SON!
THERE'S A CHILD IN THE HOUSE?
RAAARGH!
TELL YOUR EMPLOYER THIS ISN'T OVER.
CRASH
SWEETIE! YOU OKAY?!
EEEE! EEEE!
WE MOVED OUT OF GOTHAM CITY PRETTY SOON AFTER THAT.

BUT IT DIDN'T MATTER WHERE WE LIVED. IN BLÜDHAVEN, THE CLASSROOM CURTAINS KIND OF LOOKED LIKE A BLACK CAPE.
EEEE! EEEE!
IN OPAL CITY, BATS FLEW OVER THE LUNCH AREA.
EEEE! EEEE!
IN KEYSTONE CITY, THERE WAS A THUNDERSTORM.
KRAK!
SCHOOL BUS
EEEE! EEEE!
MY PARENTS' JOBS BROUGHT US BACK TO GOTHAM CITY ABOUT A MONTH AGO.
NO NO NO...
AND IT'S ABOUT TO HAPPEN AGAIN, RIGHT HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF SOPHOMORE PHYS ED.

I'D JUST STEPPED IN A PUDDLE OF WATER.
AND NOW ALL I CAN THINK ABOUT IS THAT ONE NIGHT.
5FT
AY, RIZALINO. SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH THE NEW KID.
AY! DID THE RIZ GIVE YOU PERMISSION TO TOUCH THE RIZ, NEW KID?
EEEE...
EEEE...
PAT
YOU KNOW WHAT ALWAYS HELPS THE RIZ RELAX?
EEEE...
A DIP IN THE POOL!
SPLASH!
EEEE!
EEEE!
GLUB!

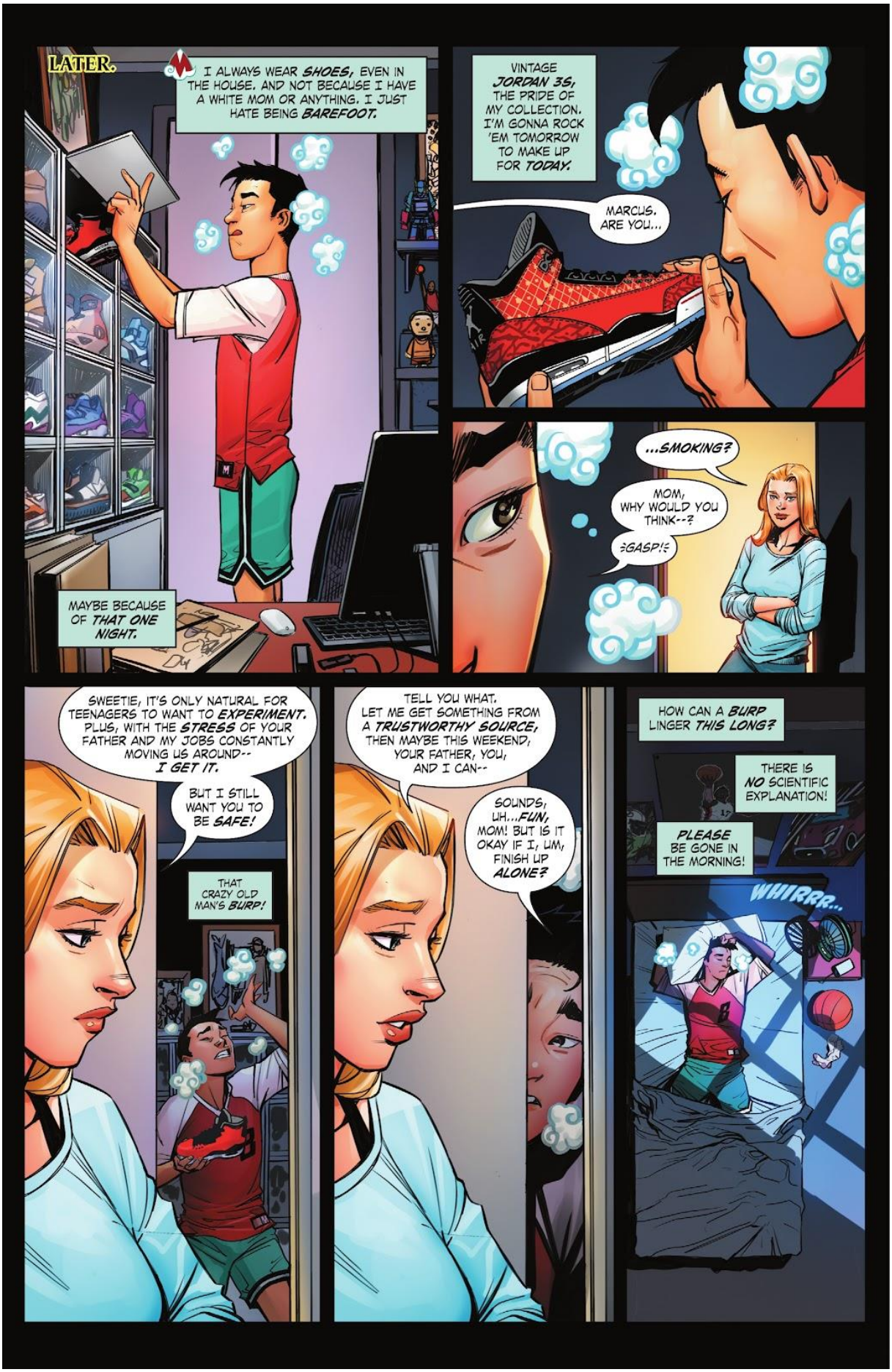

GOTHAM CITY HIGH SCHOOL. FRONT OFFICE.
:KAFF! KAFF!:
COULDN'T YOU HAVE TOWELED OFF A BIT MORE?
YOU BROUGHT HALF THE POOL'S WATER HERE FOR OLD MR. ZHU TO MOP UP, MARCUS.
WAIT... Y-YOU KNOW MY NAME?
OBVIOUSLY, MARCUS.
I SAW WHAT HAPPENED, WITH THE WHEEZING AND THE DROWNING. THIS THING THAT'S WRONG WITH YOU--I HAVE A CURE.
WHY DON'T YOU COME BY THE MAINTENANCE OFFICE AFTER SCHOOL?
WHA--! CHECK OUT THAT WIDE-HIPPED BEAUTY COMING TOWARD US! ALMOST MAKES ME REGRET MY VOW OF CELIBACY!
WHAT...? GROSS! THAT'S MY--
--MOM!
MY POOR, SWEET BOY!
DO YOU WANT TO SKIP THE REST OF YOUR CLASSES? I CAN DROP YOU OFF AT HOME ON THE WAY TO WORK.
NO, IT'S OKAY.
WHAT HAPPENED?
NOTHING. I JUST SORT OF FELL IN THE POOL.
SWEETIE, I CAN TELL YOU'RE LYING. THOSE BOYS LAUGHING OVER THERE--DID THEY DO THIS TO YOU?!
MOM, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?! PLEASE DON'T--!
EEEE! EEEE!
HA!
!!!

HONEY, YOU'RE HERE! IS MARCUS OKAY?
I DON'T KNOW, WINSTON. I HOPE SO.
LATER. ELSEWHERE IN GOTHAM CITY.
DR. SHUGEL-SHEN, BECAUSE OF YOUR IMPECCABLE REFERENCES FROM THE RIDDLER, INTERGANG, AND CAPTAIN COLD...
...I'LL OVERLOOK YOUR TARDINESS JUST THIS ONCE.
:SKWAK!:
LET'S REVIEW THE PLAN. TRAPPED INSIDE THIS GOURD IS AN ANCIENT GOLDEN DEMON.
YOUR MACHINE WILL RELEASE IT INTO MY FORMER INVESTMENT ADVISOR, MR. LESTER, TURNING HIS BODY INTO PURE GOLD!
IT WAS A RECESSION, B-BOSS! EVERYBODY LOST MONEY!
MR. PENGUIN, SIR, WE NEED MORE TIME TO CALIBRATE THE MACHINE PROPERLY. PERHAPS TOMORROW--
GOLD PRICES ARE AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH, OTHER DR. SHUGEL-SHEN! THE TIME IS NOW!
BUT, BOSS--
IT... IT'S F-FINE, LAURA. LET IT GO.
CLICK!
LET US BEGIN!
:SKWAK!:

誰敢打擾金角大王?!
WHAT--?
金
FWOOOM!
:SKWAAK!:
AAAH!
BOSS!
:GURGLE:
MR. PENGUIN, S-SIR, P-PLEASE--!
YOU!
YOU LET THIS HAPPEN! I OUGHT TO PUT A BULLET IN YOUR HEAD, BUT YOU'RE TOO VALUABLE!
SO YOU'LL HAVE TO DO INSTEAD!
:SKWAK!:
CLICK
BANG!
:HRK!:

OTHAM CITY HIGH SCHOOL
BRRING!
MARCUS, YOU CAME! WOULD YOU LIKE A CAN OF SODA POP?
NO THANKS, MR. ZHU. MY MOM SAYS SUGARY DRINKS MAKE ME HYPERACTIVE.
Jia You
YOUR MOTHER, THE WIDE-HIPPED BEAUTY! IS SHE SEEING ANYONE, BY THE BY?
YEAH. MY DAD. THEY'RE MARRIED.
MARRIED! GOOD FOR HER, GOOD FOR HER. I'M CELIBATE, SO GOOD FOR HER.
GULP GULP
YOU KNOW WHAT'S FUNNY? IN CHINESE, SODA POP IS QÌ SHUÌ. SHUÌ MEANS WATER, BUT QÌ IS MORE COMPLICATED. IT MEANS BREATH, ENERGY, LIFE FORCE.
SODA POP. LIFE FORCE WATER. HA HA!
BURP!
MR. ZHU, YOU SAID YOU COULD HELP ME?
I AM HELPING YOU, BOY. FOLLOW ME.
UGH. I CAN STILL SMELL HIS BURP.

MARCUS, YOU WHEEZE AND DROWN BECAUSE YOU ARE AFRAID OF SO MANY THINGS!
THE CURE TO YOUR FEAR IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THAT WATER CURTAIN!
WATER CURTAIN...? YOU MEAN THE POOL?
GO ON.
JUMP IN.
WHAT? ARE YOU INSANE?!
I ALMOST DIED IN THAT POOL EARLIER TODAY, MR. ZHU! I AM NOT GOING BACK IN!
SO ARE WE GOING TO ADD SWIMMING POOLS TO THE LIST OF THINGS YOU'RE AFRAID OF?!
EXIT
CAN YOU PLEASE KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN...?
AND THE STARES OF GIRLS? PRETTY SOON ALL OF LIFE WILL BE ON THAT LIST!
AND YOU'LL BE NOTHING MORE THAN A WHEEZY DROWNER!
EEEE! EEEE! EEEE!
YOU MUST FACE YOUR FEAR, MARCUS.
GO THROUGH THE WATER CURTAIN.
JUMP IN THE POOL.
THIS WAS A MISTAKE.
:SNORT:
Did You


LATER.
I ALWAYS WEAR SHOES, EVEN IN THE HOUSE. AND NOT BECAUSE I HAVE A WHITE MOM OR ANYTHING. I JUST HATE BEING BAREFOOT.
MAYBE BECAUSE OF THAT ONE NIGHT.
VINTAGE JORDAN 3S, THE PRIDE OF MY COLLECTION. I'M GONNA ROCK 'EM TOMORROW TO MAKE UP FOR TODAY.
MARCUS. ARE YOU...
...SMOKING?
MOM, WHY WOULD YOU THINK--?
:GASP!:
SWEETIE, IT'S ONLY NATURAL FOR TEENAGERS TO WANT TO EXPERIMENT. PLUS, WITH THE STRESS OF YOUR FATHER AND MY JOBS CONSTANTLY MOVING US AROUND-- I GET IT.
BUT I STILL WANT YOU TO BE SAFE!
THAT CRAZY OLD MAN'S BURP!
TELL YOU WHAT. LET ME GET SOMETHING FROM A TRUSTWORTHY SOURCE, THEN MAYBE THIS WEEKEND, YOUR FATHER, YOU, AND I CAN--
SOUNDS, UH...FUN, MOM! BUT IS IT OKAY IF I, UM, FINISH UP ALONE?
HOW CAN A BURP LINGER THIS LONG?
THERE IS NO SCIENTIFIC EXPLANATION!
PLEASE BE GONE IN THE MORNING!
WHIRRR...

THE NEXT DAY.
RUNNING THE ELECTRIC FAN ALL NIGHT SEEMS TO HAVE WORKED. THANK GOD.
NO MORE BURP CLOUDS. GOTTA REMEMBER TO STAY AWAY FROM MR. ZHU AFTER HE'S HAD SODA POP.
ACTUALLY, I SHOULD STAY AWAY FROM MR. ZHU PERIOD.
LANGUAGE ARTS
MS. GREENE
To be or not
PSST. YOUR NAME IS MARCUS, RIGHT?
YEAH. AND YOU ARE...?
KAYA. HEY, CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
I'D FIGURED OUT KAYA'S NAME ON MY FIRST DAY HERE, BUT I DON'T WANT TO COME OFF LIKE A CREEP.
WHAT IS THAT?
AAAAH!
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO ASK FOR A HALL PASS... UH, WHAT'S YOUR NAME AGAIN, YOUNG MAN?

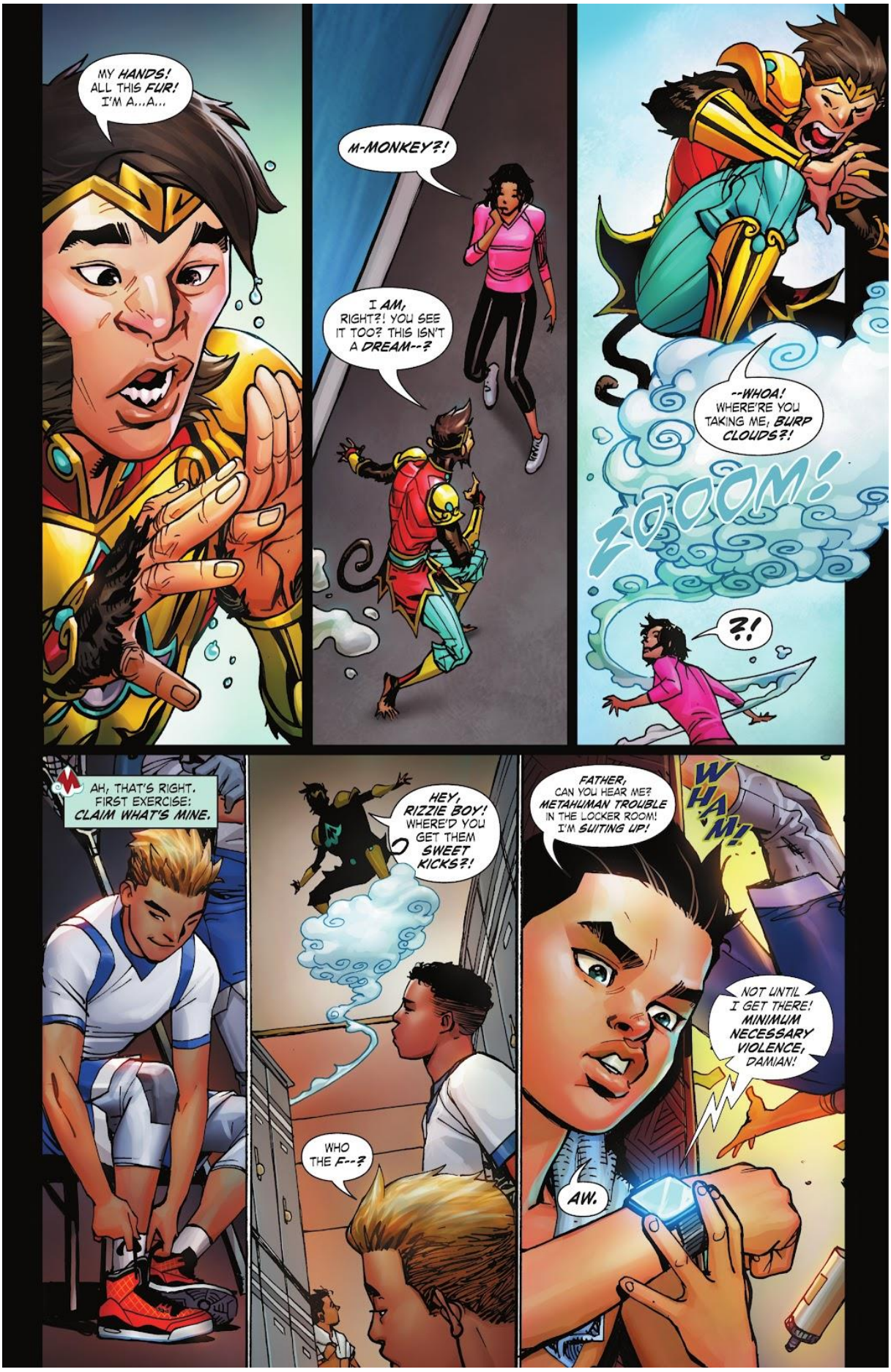
SHUFF! SHUFF!
MR. ZHU?!
WHAT DID YOU DO TO ME?! I HAD THESE BURP CLOUDS AND NOW THIS TAIL--
SAW YOU RUNNING DOWN THE HALL, NEW KID. THOUGHT WE'D COME SAY HI.
AY, YOU KNOW WHY EVERYBODY THINKS THE RIZ IS SUCH A NICE GUY?
THWAK!
SUFF!
IT'S 'CAUSE THE RIZ IS NICE TO EVERYBODY, EVEN THE FREAKS!
BUT THEN YOUR WHITE KAREN OF A MOMMY GOT US DETENTION FOR A WEEK! SO NO MORE MR. NICE GUY!
HWOK!
COME ON, NEW KID! MAKE THAT NOISE YOU ALWAYS MAKE!
KEEP IT TOGETHER, MARCUS!
SWOK!
YEAH, MAKE THE NOISE!
NO NO NO...
EEEE...
AY! THERE IT IS!
WHAM!
EEEE... EEEE...
CAN'T CATCH MY BREATH.
WHEEZING AND DROWNING.
HA HA, FREAK.
YOU GOT GREAT TASTE IN SHOES, NEW KID! I'LL GIVE YOU THAT!

EEEE...
EEEE...
"SO ARE WE GOING TO ADD SWIMMING POOLS TO THE LIST OF THINGS YOU'RE AFRAID OF?
EXIT
"AND THE STARES OF GIRLS?
MARCUS? MS. GREENE SENT ME TO CHECK ON YOU.
WAIT...WHAT HAPPENED?
"PRETTY SOON ALL OF LIFE WILL BE ON THAT LIST!
"YOU MUST FACE YOUR FEAR, MARCUS."
"GO THROUGH THE WATER CURTAIN."
EEEE...EEEE...!

JUMP IN THE POOL.
MARCUS!
EEEEEEEE!
EEEEEEEE!
EEEEEEEE!
SPLASH!
IT'S SO COLD!
SO DARK!

SUN WUKONG: THE MONKEY KING!
我是齊天大聖!
THAT VOICE... MR. ZHU?!
CALL ME SHIFU PIGGY.
YOUR WORLD FACES A GREAT DANGER, MY DEAR MONKEY PRINCE!
TO PROTECT IT, YOU MUST OVERCOME YOUR FEAR.
YOUR TRAINING BEGINS NOW!
YOUR FIRST EXERCISE: GO CLAIM WHAT'S YOURS!
EEEEEEEEEEEEE--

-EEEYAH!

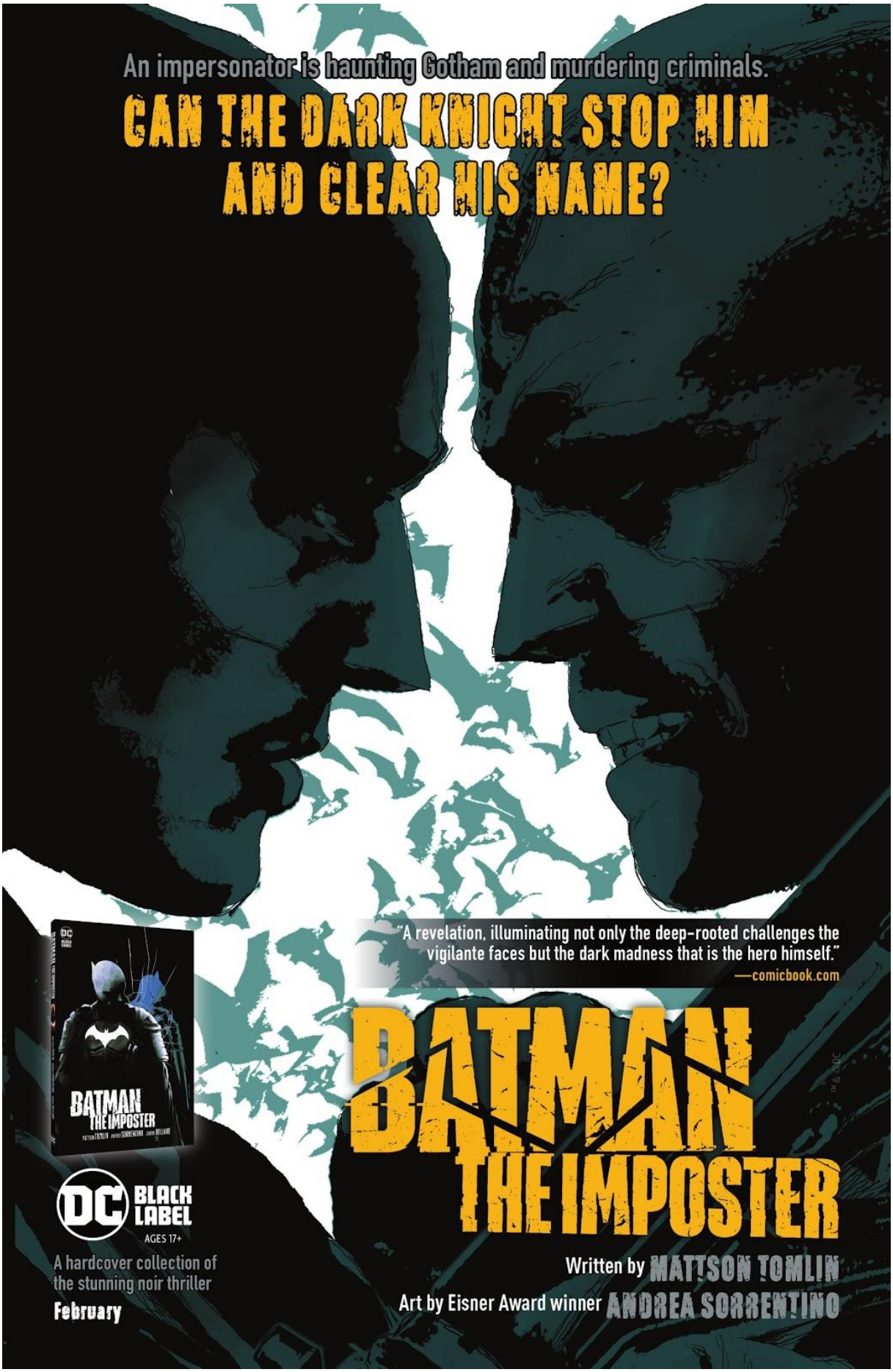

MY HANDS! ALL THIS FUR! I'M A...A...
M-MONKEY?!
I AM, RIGHT?! YOU SEE IT TOO? THIS ISN'T A DREAM--?
--WHOA! WHERE'RE YOU TAKING ME, BURP CLOUDS?!
ZOOOM!
?!
AH, THAT'S RIGHT. FIRST EXERCISE: CLAIM WHAT'S MINE.
HEY, RIZZIE BOY! WHERE'D YOU GET THEM SWEET KICKS?!
WHO THE F--?
FATHER, CAN YOU HEAR ME? METAHUMAN TROUBLE IN THE LOCKER ROOM! I'M SUITING UP!
WHAM!
NOT UNTIL I GET THERE! MINIMUM NECESSARY VIOLENCE, DAMIAN!
AW.

YOU THE METROPOLIS HIGH MASCOT OR SOMETHIN'?
DOES IT MATTER?! HE JUST KNOCKED OUT RIZ!
HEY, THE WHOLE TEAM IS HERE!
IF MY EGO WERE AS FRAGILE AS YOUR FACES, I'D BE OFFENDED!
YOU THINK I'M A MASCOT?!
WHAUK!
THIS IS GONNA BE FUN!
I MEAN, I GUESS I AM A MONKEY...
...BUT I'M ALSO A PRINCE!
SLAM!
GET 'IM!
WHICH MAKES ME
PRUHROLL PLEASE...
THE MOTHERFLIPPIN' MONKEY PRINCE!
I DON'T CARE WHO YOU ARE, MONKEY BOY! NOBODY DOES THAT TO THE RIZ!

NOBODY!
RAAARGH!
WHOOP! LOOKS LIKE "THE RIZ" NEEDS TO WORK ON HIS AIM!
RRRRF!
AND HIS SPEED! AND, WELL...
...PRETTY MUCH EVERYTHING!
WHA--?!
MY TURN.
TELL ME, WHO'S KICKING YOUR ASS RIGHT NOW, RIZZY BOY?
WHAT'S MY NAME?!
I JUST TOLD YOU TWO SECONDS AGO!

I'M THE MOTHERFLIPPIN' MONKEY PRINCE!
SAY IT!
AAAH!
STEP AWAY FROM THE CHILD. NOW.
MY BREATH LEAVES ME AND MY WHOLE BODY SUDDENLY FEELS LIKE IT'S MADE OF CLAY.
EEEE!
YOU WERE WARNED!
EEEE...
YOU'RE GONNA GET YOURS, MONKEY BOY!
YANK
SLICE!
EERK!

WAIT, HOW COME EVERYTHING IS SPINNING ALL OF A SUDDEN--?!
?!
MINIMUM NECESSARY VIOLENCE, BATMAN?
I WAS AIMING FOR THE STICK!
WHAT IS EVEN HAPPENING RIGHT NOW?!
GOD, I HATE BATMAN!
NEXT:
MONKEY PRINCE vs. BATMAN vs...
MONKEY PRINCE'S HEAD?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